

COMMISSION ON AGING

Minutes

November 5, 2012

Present: Commission members Helen de Keijzer, Nina Daniel, Peggy Anderson, Bruce Lorentzen, and Laura Smits. Senior Center Director: Wendy Petty, Social Services Director: Charlene Chiang-Hillman, Pam Wilson, Dial-A-Ride driver: Gordon Green, SWCAA liaison: Meta Schroeter, and Jim Schaper.
Helen convened the meeting at 9:20.

October Minutes: Minutes were approved by consensus.

SWCAA Report: Meta reported that the agency had its last meeting of the year in Bridgeport. There was a celebration honoring volunteers. There was a discussion of a new “triage” model, whereby low-income seniors use the Emergency Room as a physician’s office.

Social Services Report: Charlene reported that she is in the process of re-assuring her high risk populations after the storms to make sure they are still okay. There was a discussion of what seniors (and others) should have on hand for an emergency, and the viability of having an outreach program, or a letter mailed to households. Discussion continued about how to help Charlene on an organizational basis to coordinate some of these emergency issues for the at-risk senior population.

Guest Jim Schaper: Wanted to alert the commission about a situation he has encountered with United Healthcare.

Senior Center Director Report: Wendy mentioned that she and Pam have been checking up on the senior center “regulars” during and after the storm.

Transportation: Gordon dropped off his transportation report for the month.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Smits